

South Dakota CATTLE ON FEED

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CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY DOWN FROM AUGUST

SIoux FALLS, September 19, 2003 -- South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 134,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on September 1, according to the USDA's South Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. This is down 11,000 head from a year earlier and down 14,000 head from last month.

Placements during August totaled 30,000 head, up 6,000 head from last year and up 9,000 head from July 2003.

Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 43,000 head, up 5,000 head from both last year and last month.

Other disappearance during August totaled 1,000 head, unchanged from a year earlier but down 1,000 head from July 2003.

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